Worli and Malabar Hill; water supply tunnel between Dr. E. Moses Road and Ruparel College and some smaller associated works, are expected to be substantially completed by the end of 1996-97. The expenditure incurred on the major works upto 31.10.95 is about Rs. 103.92 crores.

The Sewerage component of the III Bombay Water Supply and Sewerage Project consists of constructing 3 small sewage pumping stations and laying 56 kms. of sewer lines of various diameters in different parts of the city. In addition, completion of 4 sewage pumping stations, 1 aerated logoon, 4 waste water treatment facilities and 19 km of sewer lines, all pertaining to the previous phase of Bombay Water Supply and Sewerage Project, are also under execution. All these works, excepting some lengths of sewer lines, are expected to be completed between February 1996 and December 1998. The expenditure incurred on the major works upto 31st October, 1995 is about Rs. 62.72 crores.

Work at Patent Controllers Office

1836. SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem that appeared in the Economic Times dated the 7th October, 1995 under the caption "Lack of Infrastructure may hamper work at Patent Controllers Offices"; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With the launch of the process of economic reforms and the increasing role of intellectual property in technological development, government have initiated steps to modernise and strengthen patent offices. A project to modernise patent information services is already under implementation.

Special leave to appeal against judgement of courts

1837. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court of India has discretionary powers under article 136 of the Constitution to grant special leave to appeal against any judgement made by any court of the country;

(b) whether Government have received a number of complaints that special leave to appeal is not being granted by the Supreme Court in the matters pertaining to the ordinary citizen who cannot afford a senior Advocate;

(c) whether any guidelines have been framed by the Supreme Court to stop the misuse of judicial discretion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) Powers exerciseable by the Supreme Court of India under Article 136 are not arbitrary powers. There is long catena of judicial pronouncement by the Apex Court laying down the scope of Article 136 of the Constitution of India. Powers under Article 136, being exceptional and discretionaray in nature, are exercised to decide substantial question of law of general importance and in accordance with the requirement of justice. It is not true that justice is not provided to those who cannot afford a senior Advocate.

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1838. **श्री मूलचन्द मीणा:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या रेल विभाग द्वारा संचालित चिकित्सालय में रेलवे कर्मचारियों को आयुर्वेदिक चिकित्सा सुविधा उपलब्ध कराई जा रही है, यदि हां, तो यह सुविधा किन-किन चिकित्सालयों में उपलब्ध कराई जा रही है,